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SUBJECT: FLYING TIGER LINE'S OPERATIONS IN SINGAPORE

REFS: A(A) STATE 6453, (B) STATE 009591

1. EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY DCA OPERATIONS OFFICER
JAN. 16 THAT FLYING TIGER LINE'S TEMPORARY PERMIT TO OPERATE
IN SINGAPORE HAS BEEN APPROVED.

2. CHANGE OF GAUGE IS NO LONGER PROBLEM, BUT DCA WILL NOT RPT NOT
PERMIT TIGER TO CARRY US-ORIGIN CARGO TO SINGAPORE VIA HONG KONG
ON FTL FLIGHT 48. IT APPEARS THAT, IN EFFECT, TIGER WILL HAVE
ONLY TWO AND ONE-HALF CARGO FLIGHTS PER WEEK UNDER THE ARRANGE-
MENT. DCA OFFICER SAID IF FTL WOULD CHANGE FLIGHT NUMBERS IN
SINGAPORE, PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED AND ADDITIONAL HALF-FREQUENCY
WOULD BE GRANTED. EMBOFF SAID WHILE WE WERE NOT FULLY SATISFIED
WITH DCA ACTION, WE WOULD REPORT TO WASHINGTON AND PROBABLY, AT A
MINIMUM, SEEK CONSULTATIONS UNDER ATA.

3. ACCORDING TO DCA, SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY HAVE
COMMENTS ON ATA DRAFT READY BY NEXT WEEK.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE GATHER SIA HAS BEEN THE HARD-LINER
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IN THE SINGAPORE DELIBERATIONS, AND ONLY THE NEWS OF CAB ACTION
(REF B) WAS ABLE TO BREAK PARTIALLY THEIR RESISTANCE TO TIGER'S
RIGHTS HERE. DCA, SIA AND MINCOMM OFFICIALS MET SATURDAY ON THE
PROBLEM AS WELL AS MOST OF THIS MORNING; LENGTHY DELIBERATIONS
ARE MOST UNUSUAL ON THESE MATTERS.

5. LOCAL TIGER REP HAS TELEXED NEWS TO LOS ANGELES; WE PRESUME THEY

WILL SETTLE FOR FIVE-SIXTHS OF A LOAF AND ACCEPT THE ADDITIONAL
RESTRICTION FOR THE TIME BEING.
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